GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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CBI ENQUIRY IN PDS OPERATIONS
Gao Shri Tapir

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Distribution Scheme (PDS) in North Eastern States particularly in Arunachal Pradesh has been referred to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI);

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the CBI has since completed the enquiry; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): On an excess payment of Rs. 193.52 crore reported by a Special Audit Team of FCI to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh under the Hill Transport Subsidy (HTS) Scheme during the year 2002-03 and 2003-04, the matter was referred to Central Vigilance Commission (CVC). Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) asked Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to investigate the matter regarding irregularities in reimbursement of HTS to the State. The CBI expressed its willingness to take up the investigation provided required notifications under Section 5 and 6 of the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act (DSPE) were issued by the Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

(c) & (d): Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has not completed the enquiry.